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Capital Area Recycling and Trash Newsletter

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Virg Bernero, Mayor



Recycling Plays a Critical Role in Conserving Energy and Reducing Our Environmental Impact and Lansing Is a Leader!

A record 2,700 tons of recycling was collected in 2011, a 40% increase since the City switched to the single stream collection method in mid-2010. Here's a breakdown of the environmental benefits:



17,804,746 gallons of water saved • 13,532,796 kWh of energy saved
40,935 trees saved • 304,817 pounds of natural resources, such as sand, soda ash and limestone saved • 435,965 tons of bauxite and iron ore saved
1,102,711 gallons of gasoline saved



CART is recycling even more by:



Providing recycling bins downtown, in Old Town and at Lansing community centers. Residents and visitors now have the opportunity to recycle their materials, rather than throw them away. Look for the bins and recycle when you are on the go!



Servicing businesses. Around 100 Lansing businesses have been participating in a pilot program with CART. Participants have reported that they are recycling more than they used to and that it's easier than ever. The City hopes to offer a commercial recycling service to all City of Lansing businesses in the near future.



Providing larger containers for recycling. CART is conducting a bi-weekly recycling pilot program using large, wheeled carts in two small residential neighborhoods in Lansing to accommodate the increase in material that many households are setting out for recycling. These carts have made recycling easier and helped many in the pilot areas to recycle more items. The amount of material in these areas has tripled since the participants have been using the carts.



The expansion of this program and necessary changes are part of our proposed FY 13 budget. Stay tuned to future Greensheets for more information.



CART Hotline: (517) 483-4400
E-Mail: recycle@lansingmi.gov
Website: www.lansingrecycles.com

Residential Guide to Single-Stream Recycling



File folders, office paper
& gift wrapping paper

#1-#2 and #4-7 Plastic containers
(no Styrofoam)

Newspapers, magazines,
brochures & inserts



Cartons



Paperboard boxes
(cereal, pasta & tissue)



Corrugated cardboard &
Paper bags



Aluminum &
metal cans



Household scrap
metal



Phone books



Greeting cards, regular &
junk mail



Glass bottles
& jars
(all colors)



Bulky Rigid Plastic
(buckets, chairs, toys)

NO

- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam containers
- Wire hangers
- Window panes, mirrors, ceramics & Pyrex dishware
- Organic material and food waste
- Electronic waste (batteries, cell phones, computers, etc.)
- Paint, pesticides, oil & cleansers
- Waxed cardboard
- Needles or syringes
- #3 Plastics

NO NEED TO REMOVE:

Paper clips, stamps,
address labels, staples,
metal fasteners,
cellophane address
windows, rubber bands,
spiral bindings, plastic tabs

For all cardboard boxes, please
flatten and cut down to 2'x 2' pieces.
Empty and rinse all containers

**Please follow these guidelines
and set your bin out by 7:00 AM.**



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Recycling & Yard Waste Information

Place all items at the curb by 7 a.m. on collection day. Containers must be off the curb by 7 p.m. Bags, bins, or bundles must not exceed 30 lbs. and must be visible from the street. Separate recyclable materials and yard waste from trash. Recyclables must be set out with green recycling bin.

PLEASE REFER TO THE FOLLOWING DETAILED LIST OF ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

- **Glass:** Transparent and translucent food and beverage bottles and containers. Paper labels are acceptable as are rings and lids on glass containers. All colors of glass are accepted.
- **Tin/Steel Cans:** Food and beverage containers, all sizes; paper labels are acceptable.
- **Household Scrap Metal:** including metal pots and pans, metal trays, metal bakeware, toasters, metal utensils, etc. NO METAL HANGERS.
- **Aluminum:** Used beverage containers and foil clean of food.
- **Household Plastic Containers #1, #2 and #4 through #7** - excluding Styrofoam and #3 PVC.
- **Bulky Rigid Plastics:** Including buckets, crates, toys, trays, furniture, bins, barrels, etc.
- **Cartons:** Including milk and juice cartons (also known as aseptic containers).
- **Newspapers:** Including inserts.
- **Magazines:** Including catalogues, glossy flyers or mailers.
- **Corrugated Cardboard and Paper Bags:** Flatten and cut down to 2' x 2'. Can be damp but not soaked. Pizza boxes free of food are acceptable. Wax-coated old corrugated containers are not acceptable.
- **Paper:** Includes office paper, household writing paper, post-its, all residential mail including envelopes (manila and regular), copier paper,

note pad paper, loose leaf fillers, computer paper (continuous-form perforated white bond or green-bar paper), **shredded office paper placed in clear plastic bags**, file folders, and card stock.

• **Boxboard:** commonly used in dry food and cereal boxes, shoe boxes, and other similar packaging.

• **Telephone books**

• **Clean Gift Wrapping Paper:** no bows or ribbons.

Recycling bin full? We'll gladly take all recyclables set out at the curb. Place items that don't fit in the green bin into a cardboard box, plastic tote or other container that is no larger than the bin. Write "save" on the container so that it doesn't get mistakenly recycled. Please do not use plastic bags to set out recycling.

YARD WASTE



Yard Clippings (Seasonal Collection): Place leaves, grass clippings, and garden wastes in paper bags. Do not use City of Lansing trash bags, blue carts or private waste hauler carts for yard clippings. Brush and tree trimmings must be less than 4 feet in length and less than 2 inches in diameter. Bundle securely with string or twine, or place in paper bags. NO wire. Paper lawn care bags are available at many local grocery and convenience stores.

Trash Disposal Information

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Separate recyclable materials and yard waste from trash.

Call 483-4400 to get signed up today! The City of Lansing has provided trash collection services for 100 years, making us the leader in convenient curbside pickup. You can count on our affordable weekly collections. Our range of services and multiple cart sizes are sure to meet the needs of any size household.

NO Hazardous waste, gasoline, or other explosive materials, and no wet paint, herbicides, pesticides, hot ash or coals. Please double bag animal waste and diapers. Properly dispose of needles and lancets by placing in plastic bottle or other rigid container before putting into household trash.

Blue Trash Carts - Sign Up Today!

These convenient and strong roll-out carts are for trash only. All trash in the carts must be bagged. Bagging trash will help keep carts clean and minimize odors. Select the size of cart which suits your needs: Billed quarterly, pre-paid service
32-gal. cart = \$38.00 for 3 months
65-gal. cart = \$43.00 for 3 months
95-gal. cart = \$49.00 for 3 months
 (Up to 3 extra 30 gal bags allowed on side of 95 gallon cart)
 Prices are subject to change.
 Front door pickup is available. Please call 483-4400 for details.



Convenient Payment options:

- Pay with Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover by calling 483-4400.
- Send checks or money orders to:
City of Lansing, CART
601 E. South Street, Lansing, MI 48910
- Pay in person at: 601 E. South Street (NO cash accepted). A drop box is available for after hours payments.

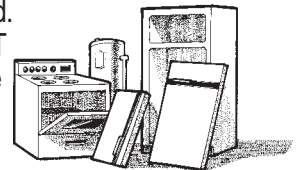
Blue City Trash Bags

Blue bags are available at many local grocery and convenience stores. **The cost is \$8.75 for a package of five 30 gallon bags** (prices subject to change). Visit www.lansingrecycles.com for complete list of locations where bags are available.



Bulk Trash Items

Large items over 30 lbs. and longer than 4 feet, such as appliances or furniture, require a bulk collection sticker. Stickers are available at courtesy desks of many local grocery stores for \$33.00 per sticker (prices subject to change). Call the CART Hotline at 483-4400 for a list of stores selling bulk-item stickers. Each individual item must be tagged. NOTE: Refrigerator and freezer doors **MUST** be removed. Free bulk stickers are available to low income residents at our South Street location. Call 483-4400 for details.

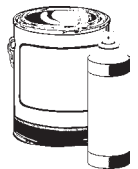


Hazardous Waste

The Ingham County Health Department collects household hazardous waste, such as pesticides, chemicals and oil-based paints each Thursday, from 2-6 p.m., from May – September.

Call 887-4521 for more information.

Unwanted medicines, including prescription or over the counter, are also accepted at this site. Controlled substances and vitamins/minerals are not accepted. Pills or capsules must be taken out of bottles or blister packs and placed in ziplock bag. Individual prescriptions do not need to be kept separate; they can all be mixed together in one bag. Liquids can be left in the original container, but all personal information must be blacked out.



Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

Can be dropped off at the BWL Customer Service Center, 1232 Haco Drive, from 8-5, M-F; at any local Home Depot store; or at the County's hazardous waste collections, during specified dates and times. Other sites are now established throughout the Greater Lansing area. See www.recyclethatcfl.com for listings. Please double bag in sealable plastic bags.



Holidays & Important Dates to Remember

MARCH

Normal Service Schedule.

APRIL

Week of

April 2 Seasonal Yard Waste Collection begins.

6 Good Friday. Office closed on Thursday, April 5th. Collections will not be delayed.

14 Recycle Ramal! See details on page 6.

22 Earth Day! Learn more at www.earthday.org/2012.

MAY

19 Latex Paint Recycling Event. See details on page 7.

28 Memorial Day. Office closed. Collections the week of the 28th will be delayed by one day.

JUNE

Normal Service Schedule.

JULY

4 Independence Day. Office closed. Collections will be delayed by one day for remainder of week.

AUGUST

Normal Service Schedule.

SEPTEMBER

3 Labor Day. Office closed. Collections the week of the 1st will be delayed by one day.

The seasonal collection of leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste materials begins the week of April 2, 2012. Materials should be placed on the curbside on the normal collection day. See page 3 for preparation guidelines.



Proper cart and bin placement – Help your driver provide the best possible service!

- Leave several feet between cart and bin
- Avoid placing carts near mailboxes
- Place cart facing street with wheels facing house
- Close lid on carts as much as possible
- Place cart as close to the street as possible



Get important information such as holiday delays, special events and more. Sign up for the recycling email list at www.lansingmi.gov/listserv/index.jsp.

Recycling News & Community Events

RECYCLE RAMA

Take Advantage of Lansing's Largest One Day Recycling Collection Event!



Date: Saturday, April 14, 2012

Time: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Location: Ingham County Health Department parking lot, 5303 S. Cedar St.

All Items Free to Drop Off! Donations Accepted, Not Expected

Items Accepted:

- **Electronics:** Computers (all types), computer accessories (keyboards, scanners, printers, etc.), televisions (all sizes), stereos/speakers, microwaves, copy machines, CD/DVD players, VCRs, telephones (land lines and cell phones), coffee makers, vacuum cleaners, toasters and other household items with a cord
- **Holiday Lights**
- **VHS tapes**
- **Household Batteries** (including single use and rechargeables. No car batteries)
- **Books** All types, including hard and soft cover, telephone books, etc.
- **Unwanted medicine** Leave in original containers and cross out personal information
- **Appliances/Scrap metal**
- **Bicycles**
- **Dehumidifiers**
- **Room air conditioners**
- **#1-#7 plastics** Includes garden plastic pots and trays (shake off dirt and debris)
- **Glass jars, bottles and containers** (including green glass)
- **Compost Fluorescent Lightbulbs** (CFLs)
- **Mercury thermostats** Leave intact

- **Mercury thermometers** (Place in ziplock bag)
- **Used household fats, cooking oil, and grease**
- **Polystyrene foam** (Styrofoam) no packing peanuts.
- **Fabrics/Yarn** Fabrics in usable condition only - 1/4 yard or larger. Full skeins of yarn only.
- **Eyeglasses**
- **Corks** – traditional only, no plastic corks

All traffic must enter off northbound Cedar St.

Volunteers Needed For Recycle Rama!

Recycle Rama needs lots of volunteers for this great community event. People are needed to help with assorted tasks such as greeting and working with the public, traffic control, and lifting objects (depending on abilities). A Recycle Rama T-Shirt, drinks and snacks will be provided to volunteers.

Two volunteer shifts are available: You may work 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or both if you want! Suitable clothing and shoes are required. Please wear athletic shoes or work boots only. Please call Taylor Heins at 517-702-6903 or visit LBWL.com/EnergySavers to sign up now!



Be Bright! Retailer Lighting Program

With the help of the BWL Hometown Energy Savers Program, you can purchase reduced-price Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs) from participating retailers. Visit lbwl.com/EnergySavers for a complete list of participating stores.



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BWL Hometown Energy Savers®

The Lansing Board of Water & Light (BWL) offers several opportunities for residential electric customers to become more energy efficient. Visit the BWL Hometown Energy Savers website at lbwl.com/EnergySavers to learn more.

Refrigerator & Freezer Recycling

Recycle your older operating re-frigerator. BWL will pick it up for FREE and you'll get a \$30 check. Call 877-714-0139 or visit the website to schedule online.



Save The Date!

Latex Paint Recycling Event
Date: Saturday, May 19, 2012
Time: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Location: Ingham County Health Dept.
 5303 S. Cedar St., Lansing
 More details TBA.
 Check www.lansingrecycles.com for updates

DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION DAY

DATE: APRIL 21, 2012

TIME: 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

LOCATION: FRIEDLAND INDUSTRIES, INC.,
 405 E. MAPLE ST.

Destroy sensitive documents at this free recycling event, open to all Mid-Michigan residents. The paper will be shredded and recycled. Document destruction guaranteed! Contact the Old Town Commercial Association at (517) 485-4283 for additional information.

ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE YARD WASTE MANAGEMENT

Spring will soon be here and you know what that means – yard work! Many people will be outside cleaning up last year's leaves, this year's grass clippings and preparing their gardens. Backyard composting is an easy way to handle yard waste and prevents the need for bagging all the material for curbside pick up. Plus, the end result is nutrient rich compost, which is an excellent soil amendment. If you have never tried composting, don't be intimidated. **Composting in your backyard can be easy and fun and CART has all the information you need to get started.** Please request a free information packet by calling 517-483-4400 or emailing recycle@lansingmi.gov.





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To Our Friends At:



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See page 6 for details.



See page 4 for information about our convenient, weekly trash service. We offer same day service for trash, recycling and yard waste pick up.

